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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, VS

SUB: A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN THAT BACKFIRED

1. ADDRESSEES MAY BE INTERESTED IN A RECENT EPISODE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED AGAINST THE GVN ON ISSUE OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS." THE INCIDENT WAS RELATED BY BUI BAO TRUC, THE GVN SPOKESMAN, AT THE NOVEMBER 29 AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. TRUC SAID THAT AROUND 200 IDENTICAL POSTCARDS HAD JUST COME IN DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF MRS. NGO BA THANH (WHO, OF COURSE, HAD BEEN FREED TWO MONTHS EARLIER.) ALL THE POSTCARDS WERE SIGNED BY JAPANESE AND POSTED IN OKINAWA ON NOVEMBER 14. THEY WERE PRE-WRITTEN IN PERFECT VIETNAMESE; THE SENDERS, MOST OF WHOM PROBABLY DID NOT KNOW THE CARDS' CONTENTS, ONLY HAD TO SIGN THEIR NAMES. TRUC COMMENTED THAT THE SIGNERS HAD CLEARLY BEEN FOOLED BY A COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA DRIVE.
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